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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CIA DOCUMENT FAVORING PCI PARTICIPATION IN GOI

1. PANORAMA FOR AUGUST 17 PUBLISHES AN ARTICLE BY ALVARO RANZONI DESCRIBING AN ALLEGED "CIA DOCUMENT PREPARED ON EVE OF ITALIAN ELECTIONS WHICH STATES THAT PCI PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT IS NOT ONLY PROBABLE BUT DESIRABLE FOR MORE CREDIBILITY AND STABILITY. THE DOCUMENT IS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT IN AMERICA BECAUSE IT DISCLOSES THAT THERE IS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH A SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN SECRET SERVICE AND KISSINGER HIMSELF ON US POLICY TOWARDS
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ITALY." THE DOCUMENT REPORTEDLY SURFACED DURING A HOUSE INTER-

NATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARING ON A "RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY" PRESENTED BY CONGRESSMAN HARRINGTON. RANZONI NOTES THAT HARRINGTON WITHDREW HIS RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY BUT THAT "PROBABLY KISSINGER HIMSELF AND BUSH WILL BE QUESTIONED BY COMMITTEE."

2. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE CIA DOCUMENT EXPRESSES THE VIEW THAT AN OPENING TO PCI IN ITALY IS DESIRABLE IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE PCI FROM SEIZING COMPLETE POWER AS A CONSEQUENCE OF DC INABILITY TO GOVERN. IN ADDITION, THE CIA REPORTEDLY HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE OFT-REPEATED CONCERNS ABOUT THE PCI (TOTALITARIAN, TIED TO MOSCOW, NON-WESTERN, ETC.) ARE "UNFOUNDED".

3. THIS ARTICLE IS BEING PICKED UP IN THE ITALIAN PRESS AND COULD LEAD TO ANOTHER ROUND OF SPECULATION ABOUT POSSIBLE CHANGES IN US POLICY TOWARD ITALY. ACCORDINGLY, AN EARLY DENIAL WOULD BE USEFUL. WE ARE APT TO GET PRESS INQUIRIES HERE AND WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BACKGROUND ON THE HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARING AND INFORMATION ON ANY DOCUMENTS USED THEREIN (HOWEVER REMOTELY RELATED TO SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE STORY) WHICH MIGHT HAVE FORMED BASIS FOR THIS TYPE OF SPECULATION AND MISINFORMATION. VOLPE

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